

LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, February 18, 2010

Members Present: Judge Judith Bartholomew, Chair; Kim Allen; Sheriff John Aubrey; Thomas Gorman (Designee for James L. Balcom); Evan Roach (Designee for Gary Barnes); Kathy Bingham (Designee for Mark Bolton); Keith Carpenter (Designee for Timothy D. Cox); Judge Erica Williams (Designee for Judge Sean Delahanty); Scott Furkin; Leo G. Smith (Designee for Dan Goyette); Roger Henderson; Bishop Walter Jones, Jr.; Carla Kreitman; Lucy Lee; Richard Lewis; David L. Nicholson; Judith Green (Designee for Tom Owen); Dave Stengel; Charlotte Van Meter; George Huffman (Designee for Paul Vido); Col. Robert White; and Clarence Williams.

Excused Members: Sheriall Cunningham.

Guests Present: Jamie Allen (Louisville Metro Department of Corrections); Wanda Baker (Circuit Court Clerk's Office); Julie Hayes (District Court Administrator); and Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools).

Staff Present: Faith Augustine; Betsy Helm; Dr. Deborah Keeling; Bruce McMichael; Tracey Neathery; and Stephanie Stidham.

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Judge Bartholomew called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 10, 2009 MEETING

The summary of the December 10, 2009 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judge Bartholomew reported that the winter edition of the Criminal Justice Commission Quarterly Newsletter "Metro Justice Forum" was emailed in January. Members were asked to advise staff of any suggestions for topics or issues to be included in future issues. The next newsletter will include a summary of the legislative session.

Metro Council approved the Criminal Justice Commission revised ordinance. Judge Bartholomew drew attention to a copy of the ordinance provided in the meeting packet. She reminded members that the Council added a requirement for Council approval of all citizen appointments. She recognized several Commission members who were reappointed to serve another term including: Roger Henderson (12/31/2010); Bishop Walter Jones (06/30/2011) and Richard Lewis (12/31/2010). She added that her term (as Commission Chair) was extended to June 30, 2011.

Additionally, she welcomed and introduced two new citizen members representing constituency groups impacted by criminal justice operations: Lucy Lee, Exploited Children's Help Organization (ECHO) and Charlotte Van Meter, Seven Counties Services. She noted there is still one citizen vacancy and advised that it should be filled by the June 2010.

Judge Bartholomew welcomed Mr. D. Scott Furkin, Executive Director of the Louisville Bar Association, as a new member. His position was added to the newly adopted ordinance. Judge Bartholomew also welcomed Councilwoman Judith Green, the designee for Metro Council President Tom Owen.

IV. PRESENTATION

Compstat Presentation

Chief Robert C. White, Louisville Metro Police Department

After welcoming members of the Criminal Justice Commission Board to Louisville Metro Police Headquarters, Chief White discussed Community Policing as practiced in Louisville Metro. Community policing empowers the community to work together with the local police to prevent crime. According to Chief White, Metro Police has done a good job statistically, but perception is just as important to be successful.

Chief White noted that he holds Compstat meetings every Thursday with the command staff. A copy of example Compstat reports is included in the meeting packet. According to his presentation, the overall crime rate in Louisville Metro decreased in 2009 and of the 40 major US cities, Louisville Metro has consistently ranked in the top 10 for lowest crime rates. He reported that Louisville Metro's crime rate is lower than the following cities in our region that are comparable per capita: Indianapolis, St. Louis, Nashville, Cleveland or Cincinnati. One purpose of the Compstat weekly meetings is to cross-check the data to verify that officers are focusing on identified crime-related issues.

As an adjunct to the Compstat report, Chief White added that the number of "meth labs" seizures within the Metro area has decreased from last year. He noted that because pseudoephedrine is necessary to the production of methamphetamine, removing it from over-the-counter sales and instituting the use of *Meth Check*, a program that tracks sales of certain drugs, has greatly reduced the number of meth labs. He reported that Louisville Metro Councilwoman Welch has introduced a resolution that asks the Commonwealth of Kentucky to make pseudoephedrine a prescription drug.

V. US SENATE BILL 714, ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Kim M. Allen, Louisville at Work Office

Ms. Allen reported on the progress of Senate Bill 714, the "Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2009" introduced by Senator Webb on March 26, 2009. According to Ms. Allen, many of the concerns identified early in 2009 (see June 25th CJC Meeting Summary) were addressed prior to the bill being approved by the Judiciary Committee on January 19, 2010. SB714 still awaits a vote on the Senate floor. At present, there is no companion bill in the House of Representatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislative Committee

Stephanie Stidham reported that to date, 452 house bills and 166 senate bills have been filed. The last day to file legislation is March 2nd in the House and March 4th in the Senate. She drew attention to the most recent version of the Criminal Justice Commission Legislative Summary document included in the meeting packet. Several bills have been filed that would potentially assist in reducing jail crowding (such as HB 184 and SB 119). She also reported that HB 189 has become an omnibus domestic violence bill, combining several related bills into one piece of legislation (including the expansion of civil protections for those in a dating relationship).

House Bill (HB) 1 (Amanda's Bill) sponsored by Representative Stumbo, has passed the House and is currently being heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Committee is vetting the bill on a variety of factors including the availability, utilization, and cost of GPS technology within the Commonwealth, as well as the constitutional issues regarding use of the GPS Technology in civil matters. Ms. Stidham stated that the Senate Judiciary Committee would be receiving testimony from a variety of individuals within the next two weeks to address possible amendments to the bill.

Board members discussed drafting a letter addressing the impact of HB 1 on the local criminal justice system. A motion to draft and send a letter was made by Clarence Williams and seconded by Kim Allen. The Board approved to have staff draft a letter, obtain member approval via email and send the letter to Senator Jensen, Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee, members of the Jefferson County Delegation and House and Senate Leadership.

B. Computerization Projects Committee

Carla Kreitman, Chair, Criminal Justice Commission Computerization Projects Committee, briefly mentioned that three technology projects are currently underway. She noted the following efforts:

- Wireless Project for Judicial Center – a priority of Chief Justice Minton
- On-line Bond Payment – Metro Corrections project
- E-Subpoena Project – Negotiations with vendor are ongoing

VII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.